GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RAMMING OF AIRCRAFT INTO A COTTAGE AT IGI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Airlines A-300 Airbus rammed into a cottage on the edge of the runway at IGIA on March 8, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have fixed any responsibility;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in future and to ensure proper implementation of safety rules at all the airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): On the night of 7/8 March, 2002, an Indian Airlines Airbus A-300 aircraft, VT-EFW,after routine maintenance check, while being taxied from the engine run-up bay to the domestic operational area had a low speed impact with Airport security wall.

(b): The details of the damage suffered by the aircraft are as under:-

1. The Nose Landing Gear got detached and it pierced through the bottom skin of fuselage causing heavy demage to it.

2. Both the Engines, Nose Cowl, Fan Blades, Fan Cowls and Thrust Reverser Cowls etc. were also badly damaged.

(c): An enquiry into this incident was ordered by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the samehas been completed. Persons whose failure caused this incident have been identified. However, the licence of the Shift Engineer in-charge was immediately suspended.

(d): The cause of the incident has been attributed to non adherence to standard procedure and not following the laid down requirement by some staff members.

(e): A number of recommendations have been made by the inquiry officer, compliance of which will help in preventing recurrence of such incidents.